



Big E Opens New Computer Lab

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Sailors aboard Enterprise have another option when it comes to finding a computer to use for earning military and shipboard qualifications or advancing personal education.

Big E's Training Department opened a new shipboard computer lab in the Educational Service Office ESO Classroom June 26. The lab has 12 computers available which the crew can use to complete distance learning courses on CD-ROM, complete Navy Training Manuals and study shipboard qualifications. The lab is open from 1600-2200 Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

DC1(SW) Daniel Keefer, Training Department LPO, said plenty of training and advancement material is right at the crew's fingertips in the new lab.

"Almost everything available for study on the share drive is downloaded onto these computers," said

Keefer. "We downloaded correspondences, bibliographies, surface and air warfare study materials, DC Step training and all other study and shipboard qualification materials."

One thing missing from the computers which is guaranteed to keep them open for training and studying is the absence of Web browsing.

"These computers are not hooked up to the LAN (Local Area Network)," added SK2 (SW/AW) Roger Ringer, Training Department assistant LPO. "You don't have to worry about waiting for someone to get finished checking their email or surfing the Internet."

According to Keefer, the original timeframe to open the new lab was around July or August. He credits IT3 Westley Bailey, from Information Assurance, and ET2(SW) Michael Missimer, Training Department information systems security officer, with getting the lab open ahead of schedule.

"We worked about two to three hours a day for nearly two weeks getting all the programs moved and getting the computers connected together," said Bailey. "I think

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Enterprise Sailors study shipboard qualifications in the ESO classroom. Photo by MC3 Salvador J. Chavez Jr.

Monday Worship Services



0600 - Protestant Morning Prayer

1100 - Roman Catholic Mass

1700 - LDS Study

1815 - Protestant Bible Study

1900 - Protestant Contemporary Music Rehearsal

All services are held in the Chapel.

Deck Plate Perspective

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Well, I finally experienced my first 'Beer Day' Saturday. Being a pessimist, I didn't think it would happen. When Capt. Rice came over the IMC to let us know the original date, July 4, was not feasible because of the heavy seas, I figured a few days later it would be CANXed all together. But the skipper found some calmer waters and he kicked off Operation Pass The Brews.

You have to put 'Beer Day' in perspective to really appreciate it. How many people do you know who can say they drank a couple of tall boys while sailing on a Navy vessel? Better yet, how many can say they drank a couple of tall boys surrounded by fighter planes and with more than 280,000 horsepower under their feet? About 5,000 that I know of.

But the Steel Beach was about more than just drinking. I got a kick out of watching Sailors whack golf balls off the flight deck onto the proverbial green. And hearing a few hundred people go 'ahhh' in unison ev-

ery time a football bounced over the side of the ship was hysterical. It was truly a picnic on a steel beach.

Considering myself somewhat of a salty dog, my biggest pleasure was watching the younger Sailors have a good time. To hear them tell stories about the picnic a day later was enough to make me realize the three hours I spent flipping burgers on the grill were worth it.

It is never easy being away from home for so long, and to grind it out 45 days straight at sea – long hours, little sleep – can be downright depressing. When that happens, family and friends back home are missed more and more. But with the smoke flowing from the grills, music blasting and the smiles and laughter from across the deck, the Sailors and Marines were able to step back and realize we do have family and friends out here. And we were able to enjoy the comforts of home right here aboard Big E.

For all the cancelled, postponed or denied 'Beer Days' that have plagued my Navy career, my first was well worth the wait. ☼

Big E Radio Schedule

0730 – 0830 Top 40 Hits (AS2 Lombardino)
0830 – 0930 Hip Hop Hour (YN3 Sturgan)
0930 – 1030 Rock Request Show (AT2 Willock)
1030 – 1130 Old Time Country Radio (MCC Borrall)
1130 – 1230 Top 40 Hits (PSSN Register)
1230 – 1330 Big E Variety (SA Arms)
1330 – 1430 Request Hour (SK2 Garcia)
1430 – 1530 Hip Hop Hour 2 (SHSA Hampton)
1530 – 1630 Top 40 Hits (YNSR Matharu)
1630 – 1730 80's Hits (MC3 Kaylor)

Big E Radio kicks off today. Tune in to channel 12, the PLAT Channel, and catch your shipmates spinning the tunes.

Big E Movies

Channel 5

0600 Rent Control
0830 Final Destination 3*
 1015 The Chronicles of Rick
 1215 Underworld: Evolution
 1415 Con Air
 1600 Blade: Trinity
 1800 Friday After Next
2000 Firewall*
 2200 Chicago
 0000 Van Helsing
 0215 Grind
 0400 Timeline

Channel 6

0600 Along Came Polly
 0830 Twelve Monkeys
 1045 Maid in Manhattan
 1245 Eight-Legged Freaks
 1430 Sky Captain and the
 World of Tomorrow
1630 Stay Alive*
 1800 Darkness Falls
 2000 I Heart Huckabees
 2200 Off-Key
 0000 Collateral
 0215 The Rundown
 0400 Dark Blue

Channel 8

0600 Twisted
 0830 Mission: Impossible
1030 Mission: Impossible 2*
 1245 Howl's Moving Castle
 1445 Wimbledon
 1630 Robots
 1800 Rebound
 2000 Out of Time
2200 Gladiator*
 0045 Casino
 0400 Insomnia

*New on the Ship

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this is a nice quiet place to come and work on all your quals without having to worry about a lot of interruptions from other people in your shop."

The new computer lab should prove to be a utopia of learning for all those who want to improve their education whether it be military or personal. Missimer summed it up best. "If you want to get extra quals all you have to do is show up and want to learn." ❁

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Safety Committee meeting today at 0900 in the 08 Level Classroom (08-150-7-Q). Attendance is mandatory for all Safety Petty Officers.

FREE WASH



Sailors attached to the "Sidewinders" of Strike Fighter Squadron Eight Six (VFA-86) wash an F/A-18C Hornet on the flight deck.

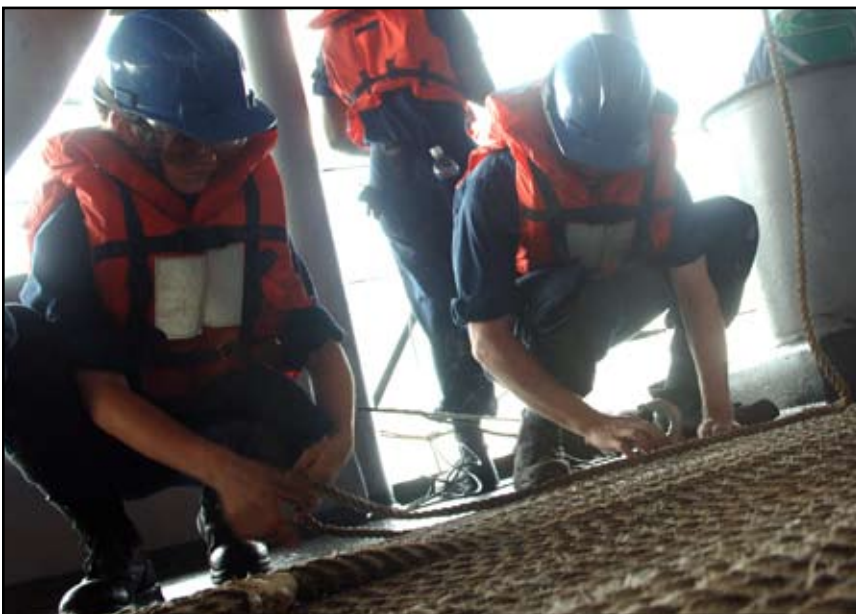
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Today in Naval History

1934 - USS Houston takes Franklin Delano Roosevelt on first visit of a U.S. president to South America.

1943 - Naval gunfire helps Allied troops land on Sicily. First extensive use of LSTs and smaller landing craft to deliver heavy equipment over the beach.

1945 - Fourteen carriers from 3rd Fleet begin air strikes on Japanese Home Islands.



(Above) Deck Department personnel fake down a rope on a sponson during a Fueling at Sea (FAS). Photo by MCSN Rob Gaston.

(Right) ABEAN Louis Hutchison, of Davenport, Iowa, cleans the nose gear launch assembly on catapult four, prior to a no-load evolution on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Marcel A. Barbeau.

